



Cândida Borges

Candida Borges is a Brazilian composer, pianist and music educator whose interests have evolved into transmedia art. Following a discovery from a DNA test that her ancestors had migrated from all corners of the world she conceived “Transeuntis Mundi”, a concept for an immersive experience based on recording the everyday walking practices of people in 14 cities across the world to investigate cultural transformation through time. In London, to receive the Lumen Prize for her work, we snatched a window in her busy schedule to chat about her evolving projects on a walk through the ever-popular, St James's Park. 22'27" 10.5MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in St James's Park, London in October 2022 and published in November 2023. <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Cândida Borges' website: <https://candidaborges.com/>

Transeuntis Mundi website: <https://transeuntismundi.com/>

The Lumen Prize: <https://www.lumenprize.com/> and Transeuntis Mundi selection: <https://www.lumenprize.com/2022-global-south-award-longlist/transeuntis-mundi-derive-01>

Cândida began researching her own ancestry after a test she took in New York in 2017 and created the DNA Archive project: <https://dnarchiveproject.com/>

Examples of a DNA Ancestry kits: <https://www.dnaweekly.com/best/ancestry/>

University of Plymouth's InterDisciplinary Centre for Computer Music Research: <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/iccmr>

Cândida met Gabriel Mario Velez at a conference in Colombia, and asked him to be a guest PhD supervisor. Gabriel created Transeuntis Medellin project that uses images from a street photography archive: <https://transeuntismedellin.com/> Together they work on Transeuntis Mundi. Gabriel's website: <https://gabrielmariovelez.com/>

A key influencer has been Oswald de Andrade whose 100th anniversary was marked in 2022: <https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2022/02/12/how-the-cannibal-manifesto-changed-brazil>

Walkscapes- walking as an aesthetic practice - Francesco Careri: <https://walklistencreate.org/book/walkscapes-walking-as-an-aesthetic-practice/>

The Practice of Everyday Life - Michel de Certeau: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michel_de_Certeau#The_Practice_of_Everyday_Life

The Dada movement: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dada> and the Situationists International: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Situationist_International

Recommended walks:

Cândida recommends walks in and around Medellin in Colombia: <https://www.alltrails.com/colombia/antioquia/medellin/walking>

Transeuntis Mundi artistic residency: <https://transeuntismundi.com/residencies/>